

CLAIMS**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- 1 1. A method for filling an aperture in a wheel, the wheel having at least one lug
2 receiving opening and at least one aperture; and
3 at least one wheel insert insertable into the at least one aperture in the wheel, the
4 method comprising:
5 securing the at least one wheel insert into the at least one aperture in the wheel.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein securing the at least one wheel insert into the
2 at least one aperture further comprises, inserting the at least one wheel insert into the at
3 least one aperture from the rear side of the wheel.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein securing the at least one wheel insert into the
2 at least one aperture further comprises, inserting the at least one wheel insert into the at
3 least one aperture from the front side of the wheel.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein securing the at least one wheel insert into the
2 at least one aperture further comprises, welding the at least one wheel insert into the at
3 least one aperture in the wheel.
- 4 5. The method of claim 1, wherein securing the at least one wheel insert into the
5 at least one aperture further comprises, interlocking an edge of the at least one wheel
6 insert into a reciprocating edge of the at least one aperture of the wheel.

1 6. A combination wheel and wheel insert comprising;
2 a wheel, the wheel having at least one lug receiving opening and at least one
3 aperture; and
4 the at least one wheel insert insertable into the at least one aperture of the
5 wheel.

1 7. The combination wheel and wheel insert of claim 6, wherein the at least one
2 wheel insert further comprises a side exposed to view, wherein the side has design
3 indicia disposed thereon.

1 8. The combination wheel and wheel insert of claim 6, wherein the at least one
2 wheel insert further comprises a transparent material fabricated with glitter embedded in
3 the material.

1 9. The combination wheel and wheel insert of claim 6, wherein the wheel insert
2 further comprises one of a natural and a synthetic material.

1 10. The combination wheel and wheel insert of claim 6, wherein the at least one
2 wheel insert further comprises a shape selected from an oval, a circle, a square, a
3 rectangle, a triangle, and an irregular shape.

1 11. The combination wheel and wheel insert of claim 6, wherein the at least one
2 wheel insert further comprises a plurality of teeth disposed along an edge thereof, and
3 the at least one aperture further comprises a plurality of teeth along an interior edge

4 thereof, and wherein the teeth of the at least one wheel insert interlock with the teeth of
5 the edge of the at least one aperture in the wheel.

1 12. The combination wheel and wheel insert of claim 6, wherein the at least one
2 wheel insert further comprises a flat smooth surface.

1 13. A wheel insert for insertion into a wheel having at least one aperture and at
2 least one lug receiving opening, the wheel insert comprising;
3 a front side;
4 a rear side;
5 and an edge extending therearound, wherein the wheel insert is insertable into
6 the a least one aperture in the wheel.

1 14. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein one of the front or rear side has design
2 indicia disposed thereon.

1 15. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein the wheel insert is fabricated from a
2 same material as the wheel.

1 16. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein the wheel insert is fabricated from a
2 different material than the wheel.

1 17. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein the wheel insert is fabricated from a
2 transparent material.

1 18. The wheel insert of claim 17, wherein the wheel insert is fabricated from a
2 transparent material and embedded with glitter in the transparent material.

1 19. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein the wheel insert is fabricated from an
2 opaque material.

1 20. The wheel insert of claim 19, wherein the wheel insert is fabricated from an
2 opaque material embedded with glitter in the opaque material.

1 21. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein the wheel insert is fabricated from a
2 base metal and is covered with another material.

1 22. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein the wheel insert is fabricated from one
2 of a metal, an alloy of metals, and a composite material.

1 23. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein the wheel insert further comprises a
2 fastening mechanism for securing the wheel insert in the at least one aperture in the
3 wheel.

1 24. The wheel insert of claim 13, wherein the wheel insert further comprises at
2 least one edge adapted to cooperatively mate with an interior edge of the aperture in
3 the wheel.

- 1 25. The wheel insert of claim 23, wherein the at least one edge adapted to
2 cooperatively mate with an interior edge of the aperture in the wheel has a shape
3 selected from concave, convex, round, oval, triangular, and having a plurality of teeth
4 therearound.